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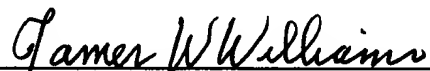
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- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application (A)  
5-284265 (Ricoh Co Ltd), published October 29, 1993
- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application (A)  
7-152519 (Canon Inc), published June 16, 1995
- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application (A)  
7-288620 (Canon Inc), published October 31, 1995
- (4) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application (A)  
7-288622 (Canon Inc), published October 31, 1995
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7-295768 (Canon Inc), published November 10, 1995

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